

Remarks

The Examiner rejected claims 21, 22, 24, 26, 28 - 30 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Rabinowitz (U.S. Patent No. 5,764,004), and rejected claims 1, 3, 5, 9, 11-13, 15 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rabinowitz in view of Jones et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,371,431). The Examiner also indicated that claims 2, 4, 6-8, 10, 14, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27, 31 and 52 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the claim limitation set forth in allowed claim 6 and claim 6 has been canceled. Accordingly, claim 1 and all claims dependent therefrom are now in allowable form.

Claim 21 has been amended to include the claim limitation set forth in allowed claim 25 and claim 25 has been canceled. Accordingly, claim 21 and all claims dependent therefrom are now in allowable form.

This application is now in condition for allowance and an early action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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